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SUBJECT: COMUSMILGP GUATEMALA MSG DTG 291845Z JUN 78

1. WE NOTE GUATEMALA'S REQUEST FOR THE RESTORATION OF IMETP, BUT THE GOG SHOULD RECOGNIZE THERE ARE LIMITATIONS ON WHAT WE CAN DO. THE FY 79 BUDGET FOR IMETP WAS PRESENTED TO CONGRESS NINE MONTHS AGO AND, OF COURSE, CONTAINED NO REQUEST FOR GUATEMALA. (ALTHOUGH FY 79 AUTHORIZATION BILL AGREED TO BY HOUSE/SENATE CONFEREES PROVIDES FOR FUNDING LEVELS ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THAT PROPOSED, ACTUAL SIZE OF FY 79 IMET PROGRAM DEPENDS IN LARGE PART ON APPROPRIATIONS ACTION NOT YET COMPLETED IN CONGRESS.) THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOURCE OF MONEY FOR GUATEMALA
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IN FY 79 WILL BE FROM REPROGRAMMING FUNDS (ENTAILING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PRIOR NOTICE TO CONGRESS) WHICH MIGHT BECOME AVAILABLE FROM COUNTRIES WHICH MAY NOT PARTICIPATE AS PLANNED- BECAUSE OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF SEVERE CUTS, REALISTICALLY, THERE IS NOT MUCH HOPE THAT FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE. IF FUNDS DO BECOME AVAILABLE IN FY 79 FOR GUATEMALA, THE AMOUNT WOULD BE MODEST.

2. EVEN IF LACK OF FUNDS PREVENTS INCLUSION OF GUATEMALA
IN THE FY 79 IMET PROGRAM, ARA PLANS TO SEEK INCLUSION OF

GUATEMALA IN THE FY 80 BUDGET PROPOSAL, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW
HOW THAT WILL FARE IN THE ZBB PROCESS.

3. THE EMBASSY SHOULD NOT PASS THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO
THE GOG. HOWEVER, IT MAY EXPLAIN TO THE GOG THAT THEIR
REQUEST CAME TOO LATE IN OUR BUDGET CYCLE FOR US TO BE
IMMEDIATELY FORTHCOMING AND THAT WE ARE REVIEWING THE
POSSIBILITIES. CHRISTOPHER

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